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Dear Friends:

I want to welcome you to this important workshop on climate change. More importantly, I want to commend you for being bold enough not just to "Ask the Climate Question," but to help North Carolina look for answers.

As you will hear over the next two days, this conference is unique for its focus on adaptation, ways to plan for and address the impacts of climate change. We know climate changes are in process, and we know that all of North Carolina will be affected by them. By proactively planning and working together, we can be better prepared to address the challenges of climate change. We can also be better positioned to find new opportunities for our state in the face of those challenges.

As I think of the future and how North Carolina will respond to the tough questions of climate change, I am especially proud that four of my cabinet agencies, the Departments of Environment and Natural Resources, Commerce, Transportation and Cultural Resources, are represented here today by their top agency leadership. I am also proud of the hard work and vision of the North Carolina Interagency Leadership Team in putting this conference together.

In this difficult time, we have to be strategic, creative and flexible to effectively leverage our limited resources. We know that we must work together to make North Carolina strong and resilient in the face of climate change, and this conference offers us an excellent model of cooperation and collaboration. Again, I thank you for your participation and I look forward to hearing the outcomes and recommendations of this workshop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bev Perdue".

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